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Before action, please further amend the captioned application as set forth below.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel original claims 1-3 and add the following new claims.

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6. (new) A method for deploying a medical device within vasculature using a system including a catheter and a plunger, the catheter having a delivery sheath portion that substantially mates with a delivery sheath portion of the plunger, the delivery sheath portion of the catheter having a larger diameter than remaining portions of the catheter, comprising: